

of any lawmaker who wants to survive at the polls in November to propose a radical change in the system.

Bush, of course, is a multi-millionaire. So he won't have to depend on a Social Security check when he leaves the White House. Nor will Moynihan, who collects a number of monthly pension checks from his service in top administration Jobs and from his years on Capitol Hill.

At one point during Bush's campaign for the presidency, he showed that he did not even know that Social Security is a federal program. Well, he has learned a lot about it since then.

But he still has more to learn—that it's popular, it works and it ain't broke.

COMMENDING THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF INSURANCE WOMEN

HON. SUE WILKINS MYRICK

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 2002

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the National Association of Insurance Women, International.

The National Association of Insurance Women, International has achieved an illustrious record of professional achievement and dedicated service to its clients and the nation and is deserving of public recognition and commendation. This highly esteemed association is composed of 359 local organizations numbering approximately 13,000 members, all of whom are competent women and men employed in various fields of the insurance industry.

Constantly creating good will through integrity and dedication, the National Association of Insurance Women, International has grown remarkably since it was founded in 1940, with some 39 women representing 17 regional insurance clubs. The major purpose of this effective organization is to encourage and foster educational programs designed to broaden the knowledge and the understanding of the insurance field and to cultivate increasing friendship, loyalty, and desire for service among its members.

The National Association of Insurance Women, International includes within its code of ethics the laudable pledge of service that is honest, thorough, gracious, and professional. This organization has been recognized as a vital resource by the Independent Insurance Agents of America, the American Association of Managing General Agents, the Insurance Institute of America, and the Chartered Property and Casualty Underwriters.

I am honored to recognize the National Association of Insurance Women, International and commend its members on their 41 years of dedication and hard work.

TRIBUTE TO SARA O'MEARA AND YVONNE FEDDERSON

HON. JOE KNOLLENBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 2002

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Speaker, today I am honored to pay tribute to Sara O'Meara

and Yvonne Feddersen, co-founders of Childhelp USA and recipients of the 2001 National Charity Lifetime Achievement Award.

Since its founding in 1959, Childhelp USA has provided for the physical, emotional, educational, and spiritual needs of abused and neglected children. Childhelp USA believes that every child has a unique contribution to make to the world, and therefore has put extraordinary effort into helping every child to heal and develop self-esteem.

Childhelp USA has committed to a "Continuum of Care" for abused and neglected children. Childhelp USA's programs include residential treatment centers with on-grounds educational programs, community-based group homes, foster homes, a National Child Abuse Hotline, and a National Policy Analysis Center. Currently, the Greater Detroit Auxiliary is pursuing a gift of land on which to build a Childhelp USA Assessment and Residential Treatment Center in Southeastern Michigan.

Throughout the years, Childhelp USA's dedication has earned them recognition and strong support. Recently, Sara O'Meara and Yvonne Feddersen were honored by President George W. Bush. Additionally, Childhelp USA's National Advisory Board consists of notables such as former First Lady Barbara Bush, Elizabeth Dole, Reverend Billy Graham, Jack Kemp, and Nancy Reagan.

And so, Mr. Speaker, I submit this tribute to be included in the archives of the history of our country. Leaders such as Sara O'Meara and Yvonne Feddersen are tremendous assets to those children in need of a helping hand.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BOB RILEY

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 2002

Mr. RILEY. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained for rollcall No. 104, H.R. 3839, the Keeping Children and Families Safe Act of 2002. Had I been present I would have voted "yea."

I was also unavoidably detained for rollcall No. 105, the Dooley motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2646, the Farm Security Act of 2002. Had I been present I would have voted "no."

I was also unavoidably detained for rollcall No. 106, the Baca motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2646, the Farm Security Act of 2002. Had I been present I would have voted "no."

I was also unavoidably detained for rollcall No. 107, the Kucinich amendment to H.R. 3763, the Corporate and Auditing Accountability and Responsibility Act. Had I been present I would have voted "no."

POEM BY DEBBIE ROGERS

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 2002

Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share a poem written by Ms. Debbie Rogers of Belleville, Arkansas.

Ms. Rogers is a mother, and grandmother whose heart was touched by the tragedy of

September 11, 2001. Although she modestly claims not to be a poet, she wrote "God Bless America," a touching poem about America while reflecting on our nation's reaction to September 11th. With your consent, I ask that it be placed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD so that future generations can reflect on her moving thoughts about the tragedy.

GOD BLESS AMERICA

(By Debbie Rogers)

Twin towers once stood regally, but majestic in the sky,

Pure Evil took them down today, Americans stand and cry.

Two planes marked for death, As the world observes them crash,

Once Titanic against the skyline, now scattered in debris and ash.

Four planes all together, carrying innocent lives on each one,

Leaving disbelief and carnage, when the Hellish Butchers were done.

There was no kind of warning, no message did they send,

And the total devastation, is so hard to comprehend.

Emergency Crews work frantically, keeping hope always alive,

they dig with bleeding hands, Praying someone does survive,

thousands hurt and missing, death lingers in the air,

Familie in such torment, the world mourns in deep despair.

Our whole world has been disrupted, As we watch the Breaking News,

Praying they find survivors, and all the missing clues.

We need closure for the Families, and Justice for Us all,

We'll deal with this catastrophe, As Americans we stand tall.

We're proud to be Americans, We won't take this without a fight,

We'll rise above the smoke and ash, remembrance in Our heart,

Of all the innocent Families, these Monsters tore apart.

Now vengeance seems to call, like a beacon in the night,

God forgive our thoughts, two wrongs don't make a right.

But we'll stand on Honor and Justice, there'll be a reckoning day,

This deed won't go unpunished, God Bless the U.S.A.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for giving me the opportunity to honor Ms. Rogers's words.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DONNA FRITZ

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 2002

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate an outstanding individual from Colorado whose hard work and dedication has produced awards and accolades throughout her medical field. Donna Fritz, a nurse from Pueblo, Colorado, has just received a high honor from the medical community as she is the recipient of the Nightingale Award for Excellence in Human Caring. The award is presented on behalf of the University of Colorado and the Southeastern Colorado Health Education Center. I am honored to bring forth her accomplishments before this body of Congress and this nation.